

CROWDS STUDY THE CYCLES

ENORMOUS SUCCESS OF THE WHEEL SHOW AT MADISON GARDEN.

Experts Go Into Estimates Over the Exhibits—The Rush for Souvenirs Unabated—Yesterday's Attendance a Record-Breaker—Many Society People Inspect the Rival of the Horse-Meeting of the National Cycle Board of Trade.

Like wise of the rarest vintage, the big cycle show at Madison Square Garden impresses with size. The experience of the past four days has only served to whet the curiosity of wheelmen, and elbow room is becoming a luxury beyond the reach of evening visitors. The crowd in the huge amphitheatre last night was a record-breaker, the muster about 10 o'clock being estimated at 12,000, while half as many more had filtered in and out during the afternoon.

A bird's-eye view from one of the top galleries more than compensates the novelty hunter for his climb. The brilliant panoply is almost dazzling at the first glance, but when the vision grows accustomed to the glare of the myriad incandescent lights the spectacle is one to be remembered. From the gorgeous national flag over the main entrance to the glittering "tiki" at the opposite end every object is a masterpiece of good taste. The evergreen, multicolored lights, and other tasteful decorations heighten the effect, but it is only by joining the multitude on the main floor that the vitality of the function can be thoroughly appreciated.

The crowd ebbed and flowed through the long sides like a human sea stirred into a madstrom here and there when the opposing currents met or some incident cropped up to focus attention. Yet there was no friction in all the crushing and scrabbling, and the prevailing good humor seemed proof against the provocation of pointed elbows, aggressive shoulders, and trampled corns. All were apparently prepared to have a good time if it cost a few broken ribs, and even the stuffed wolf presiding over one of the booths won the suspicion of a smile.

The souvenir hunters were on hand in force, and the fashion in which they swooped down on booth after booth would have shamed the nerve of a British square. Male visitors had one brief inning when the ladies came rush took place, but the women practically monopolized the other advertising novelties. A bevy of beauties started in early, and before they completed one circuit they sported more decorations than the hero of a hundred fights. But their persistence never wavered. There were still other souvenirs around and they meant to have them. After drawing blanks at several booths on the second lap they reluctantly formed at the rear of a long line attracted by a fresh distribution. With Spartan heroism they ran the gauntlet, until they finally confronted the snarling attendant, flushed but triumphant. He tendered to each a tiny button, of which they already wore about a dozen duplicates, and if that young man ever gets out the scalping knives leveled at him he must have a wounded condition.

The bicycle wheel, the white-painted steel associated was a favorite stopping place for the masher brigade. Occasionally one would come along bubbling over with information for the benefit of his less precocious friends, and pointing out one of the girls at haphazard would roll off a romance in which he had no objection to be considered the hero. A chapter of this type was overheard summarizing a girl's racing record, which, according to him, culminated in the recent six-day race. The story ended in a startle, for a wrathful attendant made a man for the oracle.

The almost bewildering variety of the exhibits sentimental be a matter of wider interest. Most of the exhibitors had been in business never a loss for something new to go into raptures over, and even the uninitiated visitor enjoyed the display of the latest novelties. Many of the fresh arrivals, who came with the idea of seeing all the sights in a couple of hours, were amazed to find the time had sped before they became initiates in the cycle affairs of New York, and so clearly impressed that it is safe to assume they will be back again and again to see what has changed.

Veteran officials, who have frequently felt the popular pulse, regarded the immense crowd as a sign of woe and regret that the case had been repeated. Mr. George H. Sullivan, secretary of the A. A. U., said: "It is something wonderful to tens of thousands of people to get into a hall and sit there without life or motion. When all these not practical cyclists, already invest in wheels, are probably with the citizens resting on any other form of progress, it is a great effort to make as much of a break as the popular wheelman of some years ago."

All the veteran cyclists and racing machines were necessarily here; there was no lack of activity about the home-training contrivances. The springing year, with terrorized peddlars along the line, had built up records last night which should create a general demand for large-sized seats. And after pedaling away until the perspiration threatened to swamp the tooth he calmly announced that he had been the world's champion for ten seasons. This was for his already jealous companions, and they yanked him out of the saddle so suddenly that it was hard to convince him the machine hadn't bucked.

While it is customary for the manufacturers and dealers to exhibit their goods and discuss the new season with their agents every morning at the show, the interest yesterday centred in the meeting of the stockholders of the National Cycle Board of Trade, election of new officers, which took place in the forenoon.

The ten new directors elected were: W. A. Erding, A. G. Spalding, C. Smith, C. E. Stevens, George H. Day, H. G. Gormally, W. G. Dukemson, R. L. Coleman, J. C. West, H. G. Gofford, J. McKee, W. J. Reed, and W. E. Wilson.

A. G. Spalding, the retiring President, announced that the financial organization was in a strong financial condition, with assets of \$40,000 on hand.

The new officers then proceeded to elect one of the D. P. Linns, who was to succeed the office of President, declined to accept. With Gormally off the ticket, the second choice fell to Erding. The latter declined widespread surprise at the manner in which he accepted the office. This left the directors to a quandary, in order to give the subject matter consideration, the election of new officers was postponed until today.

It was reported that A. K. Childs, the present secretary, had been offered a position and had chosen for this office. He had been made a secretary who is in some way identified with the bicycle trade.

The men who legislate the affairs of the League of American Wheelmen were in attendance yesterday.

Plans for the spring are sprung and discussed daily, with the result that both A. C. Wilson and Sterling Elliott, the agents for the Presidents, do not see exactly how they stand. While the former is in full agreement with the votes of the delegates seem to equally divide that it is pure speculation to predict a victory for either side. The next event will be the election of the chairman of the committee that will call the meeting.

Sterling Elliott of Massillon, who will make such a strong bid for the Presidency, has a large number of adherents, and the most important gathering of A. A. U. members ever held, in view of the many and varied questions relating to the organization, was held yesterday.

"An interesting fact of the president now receives a salary of \$1,000. Then, another thing, the league has in its constitution the word 'athletic' and not 'sporting' as in the original draft. We must either take out the word or the professors."

There is no room for argument on both sides of the question. Personally, I am in favor of doing that which will be most consistent, most easily understood, and most likely to command the support of the professors."

I believe that untrained brooks which simply increase the forces of voters and which are not to be represented in the legislature, are harmful and should be abolished.

It is all right for a state division to determine of its members to cast their vote, but a State does not have the right to do so, and it should send explicit written instructions, and its vote should be cast by the Secretary.

It is a great absurdity, and yet it was probably the wisest thing that could have been done at that time, that the cycling members were not in the frame of mind to accept the proposition that it had been called by its proper name."

The prominent racing men who are at the show are the leaders of the New York Cyclists. These men ridicule the idea that the leading manufacturers will not employ racing teams, and say that they will probably be more interested in them than ever before.

Great interest is taken in the scheme of the A. A. U. to adopt race permitting class B rules, and that the A. A. U. will adopt a Racing Board at a reduction of ten per cent, at the expiration of thirty days. While the racing authorities are in full agreement, the race rules will be passed, they advocate its adoption, for the reason that it will compel race meet promoters to give full value in prizes. It is asserted

that Walter C. Sanger, who was at one time a big class B man, recently sold his diamond and gold watch for \$2,000, which is 35 per cent of the value they were advertised at.

Harry Stark, the amateur racer who has been at the Garden all the week, has arranged to go to Europe to compete in the latter part of February, accompanied by Dr. Miller, as trainer, and Wm. A. Gormally, as manager, as pacemakers. He will compete in all the big foreign races, and will try to lower the existing record of 10 minutes, 20 seconds, running 1000 ft. of track at that place. He expects to return home about Aug. 15, and expect that he will have run in more than 300 miles of racing.

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